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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, regarding a restriction requirement for the claims. As set forth herein, Applicant enters an election without traverse and amends the claims.

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ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Applicant hereby elects the Invention of Group II, comprising claims 7-11 and 13-20, classified in class 700, subclass 232. This election is made without traverse.